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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Salvatore N. Storino : Date: Sept. 16, 2003  
Group Art Unit: 2863 : IBM Corporation  
Examiner: Sun, Xiuqin : Intellectual Property Law  
Serial No.: 10/045,911 : Dept. 917, Bldg. 006-1  
Filed: October 19, 2001 : 3605 Highway 52 North  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR : Rochester, MN 55901  
ESTIMATING REMAINING LIFE OF A  
PRODUCT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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AMENDMENT

This Amendment addresses the issues raised in the Office Action mailed June 16, 2003, having a period for response set to expire on September 16, 2003.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10.

An **Attachment** including replacement drawing sheets are attached.

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